

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 104

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Jerry  
2 David Johnston, who passed away on October 22, 2020, at the age of  
3 80; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Fred and Winnie Johnston, Jerry Johnston  
5 was born in Munday on February 11, 1940, and grew up with two  
6 siblings, F. A. and Barbara; he graduated from Hardin-Simmons  
7 University and began his teaching career in the town of Old Glory;  
8 later, he taught science and coached numerous sports in O'Brien,  
9 and he also taught wood shop and mechanics to special education  
10 students through the Knox City-O'Brien Consortium; after  
11 completing his master's degree in education at Tarleton State  
12 University, he joined the Millsap Independent School District as a  
13 high school principal; in addition, he taught physics and  
14 trigonometry and coached basketball; he found an ideal professional  
15 home in the district and formed many lasting bonds with colleagues  
16 and students alike; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston married the light of his life, Janice  
18 Johnston, in December 1959, and they became the parents of a son,  
19 Shane, who predeceased him, and two daughters, Kerrie and Sundee;  
20 through the years, their treasured family grew to include two  
21 granddaughters, Jessica and Skye, and five great-grandchildren,  
22 Kadee, Kaylee, Katch, Kelbi, and Kopper; Mr. Johnston retired to  
23 Possum Kingdom Lake in 1992 to spend his days fishing, and he loved  
24 to tell stories about his adventures, which also included deer

1 hunting, playing 42 with his buddies, and taking to the dance floor;  
2 a talented bladesmith, he collected and restored vintage firearms,  
3 and he could build practically anything; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Jerry Johnston will be deeply missed, he  
5 has left his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they  
6 will forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jerry David Johnston  
9 and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerry  
13 Johnston.